Investigation into complaints against Project Coordinator, Barley Project, Karnal

1069. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 825 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the investigation into complaints against project coordinator, Barley Project, IARI, Karnal has been completed ;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and the action taken thereon ;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above in the negative, by when the investigation is expected to be completed ;

(d) whether Government are aware that some of the staff members of the station are being harassed despite an assurance given in this behalf ;

(e) whether Government have received a representation dated 6th June, 1986 from the wives of the staff members who are being harassed ; and

(f) if so, the details there of and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Since the matter has been referred to Central Vigilance Commission, no exact date for completion of the investigation can be stated.

(d) to (f) Representations have been received from the wives of some of the staff members regarding harassment to their husbands on account of (i) non-sanction of leave (ii) non-sanction of the Medical re-imbursement bill and (iii) non-sanction of G,P.F. advance and withholding of salary of some staff. These grievances have been removed by the Director IARI.

Loss of Land in Vishakapatnam due to Sea-Erosion

1070. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of loss of land in Vishakapatnam (A.P.) due to sea-erosion ;

(b) what are the names of the areas in the State where sea erosion is a regular feature ; and

(c) what measures are being taken by the Government of India to prevent sea-erosion and what expenditure has been incurred on this account during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Although precise details of loss of land in Vishakhapatnam due to sea erosion are not available , the areas in the State where sea erosion has been noticed are :

(i) North of Vishakhapatnam Port, (ii)Uppada Village, 14 km. north of Kakinada, (iii) Near China Gollapalam Village at the confluence of river Upputeru with the sea.

(c) The measures to prevent sea erosion are taken by the concerned State Governments out of State Plans. The Government of India has constituted beach Erosion Board with Chairman, Central Water Commission, as Chairman and representatives of Maritime States as Members for technical coordination, laying down general design principles/ construction techniques and technical advice on specific problems.